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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Homeboy Industries has a proven, academically verified model for breaking the cycle of gang violence that impacts families and communities in very direct and tragic ways. Every day, gang members from all over the County are walking in to Homeboy Industries, asking for help to change their lives. These are often the very same young men and women who have been in the County's foster care system, have been in and out of our juvenile detention facilities and have been the ones that have "graduated" to County jail or state prison, only to continue the endless cycle of violence and trauma.

Over the past few years, the County has given discretionary grants to Homeboy Industries totaling just under \$2 million. The most recent grant - for tattoo removal and other 'reentry' services - expired last summer. We also received an extensive report from UCLA that studied Homeboy's service model and verified for us, yet again, that they are unique in their holistic approach and their outcomes are effective in reducing recidivism and reoffending.

I, for one, have been convinced for a long time that if we are serious about helping the most challenged people in our communities and if we are serious about reducing violence and recidivism, then we need to look seriously at a strategic partnership with Homeboy Industries.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer work in collaboration with the Probation Department to explore a strategic partnership with Homeboy Industries, in order to accelerate the County's efforts to reduce recidivism among previously incarcerated juveniles and adult offenders and report back in 30 days.

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